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## REPORT TO OAGS Annual General Meeting

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*Secretary-General 35<sup>th</sup> IGC Foundation*



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# 34th IGC, Brisbane, Australia; Summary

- 6012 delegates from 123 countries; **only 180 from Africa**
- 3712 oral presentations, up to 35 concurrent sessions on each of the 5 days;
- 13 Plenary presentations;
- 1469 poster presentations;
- 332 delegates participated in 22 pre- and post-Congress field trips, and 247 delegates participated in 8 single day trips;
- Approximately A\$1.7 Million was spent on the GeoHost support program;
  - o Full support for 150 delegates;
  - o Partial support for another 150 delegates;
  - o Approx 200 retirees got free or reduced registration in return for services;
- 75 business meetings;

# 35<sup>th</sup> IGC Local Organising Committee

<b>Co-Presidents:</b>	<b>Richard Viljoen</b>	Emeritus Professor, University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)
	<b>Mxolisi Kota</b>	Chief Executive Officer of the Council for Geoscience (CGS)
<b>Secretary-General:</b>	<b>Greg Botha</b>	CGS
<b>Financial Chair:</b>	<b>Craig Smith</b>	Geological Society of South Africa (GSSA)
<b>Sponsorship Chair:</b>	<b>Mike Wuth</b>	Consultant
<b>Scientific Programme Chair:</b>	<b>Laurence Robb</b>	Oxford University
<b>Field Trip Chair:</b>	<b>Mike Lynn</b>	MSA Group Services
<b>Geohost Chair:</b>	<b>Jeannette McGill</b>	Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
<b>Legacy Chair:</b>	<b>Genevieve Pearson</b>	Phoenix Geoconsulting
<b>Volunteer Program Chair:</b>	<b>Elna van Niekerk</b>	University of South Africa (UNISA)
<b>Secretariat:</b>	<b>Danie Barnardo</b>	CGS
	<b>Juanita van Wyk</b>	CGS
<b>Professional Congress Organisers:</b>	<b>Lesley Ferreira</b>	Cebisa Conferences
	<b>Crystal Kasselmann</b>	Centeq Events

# SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Laurence Robb, Visiting Professor, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Oxford

## STRANDS AND THEMES IGC35

### GEOSCIENCE FOR SOCIETY

Gillian Drennan/Ed Swindell/Gabi Schneider

Geoheritage and Conservation  
Geoscience Education and Public Communication  
Major Geoscience Initiatives and Development Programmes  
Climate Change Studies  
Groundwater and Hydrogeology  
Soil Science

Geoscience Data and Information Systems  
Public Sector Geoscience and Geological Surveys  
Geohazards  
Proximal and Remote Sensing Technologies  
History of the Geosciences  
Medical and Forensic Geology  
Global Geoscience Professionalism and Geoethics  
Geoscience benefitting Low-income Countries  
Environmental Geoscience

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### FUNDAMENTAL GEOSCIENCE

Dave Reid / Marion Bamford / Steve McCourt

Sedimentary Processes - ancient to modern  
Basin Formation and Continental Margins  
  
A Dynamic Earth  
The Deep Earth  
The Hadean and Archaean Earth  
The Proterozoic Earth  
  
Geochronology  
Isotope Geoscience  
Planetary Sciences and Meteorite Impacts  
Magmatism - Setting, Composition, Processes  
Metamorphic Processes  
Mineralogy  
Evolution of the Biosphere and Biogeoscience  
Marine Geosciences and Oceanography  
Arctic and Antarctic Geoscience  
Surficial Processes and Landscape Evolution  
Volcanology  
Rock Deformation and Structural Geology  
Palaeontology and Palaeo-anthropology  
Instrumental, experimental and laboratory-based developments in the Geosciences

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### GEOSCIENCE IN THE ECONOMY

Rosemary Falcon/Ray Durrheim/Paul Nex

Mineral Resources and Evaluation  
Mineral Exploration  
Mineral Deposits and Ore Forming Processes  
Gold mineralizing systems  
Coal  
Petroleum Systems and Exploration  
Unconventional Hydrocarbons and Emerging Fuels  
Energy in a Carbon Constrained World  
Geostandards and Reference Materials  
Applied Mineralogy and Geometallurgy  
Mining Geology  
Engineering Geology and Geomechanics  
The Urban Mine  
Critical metals - a global perspective

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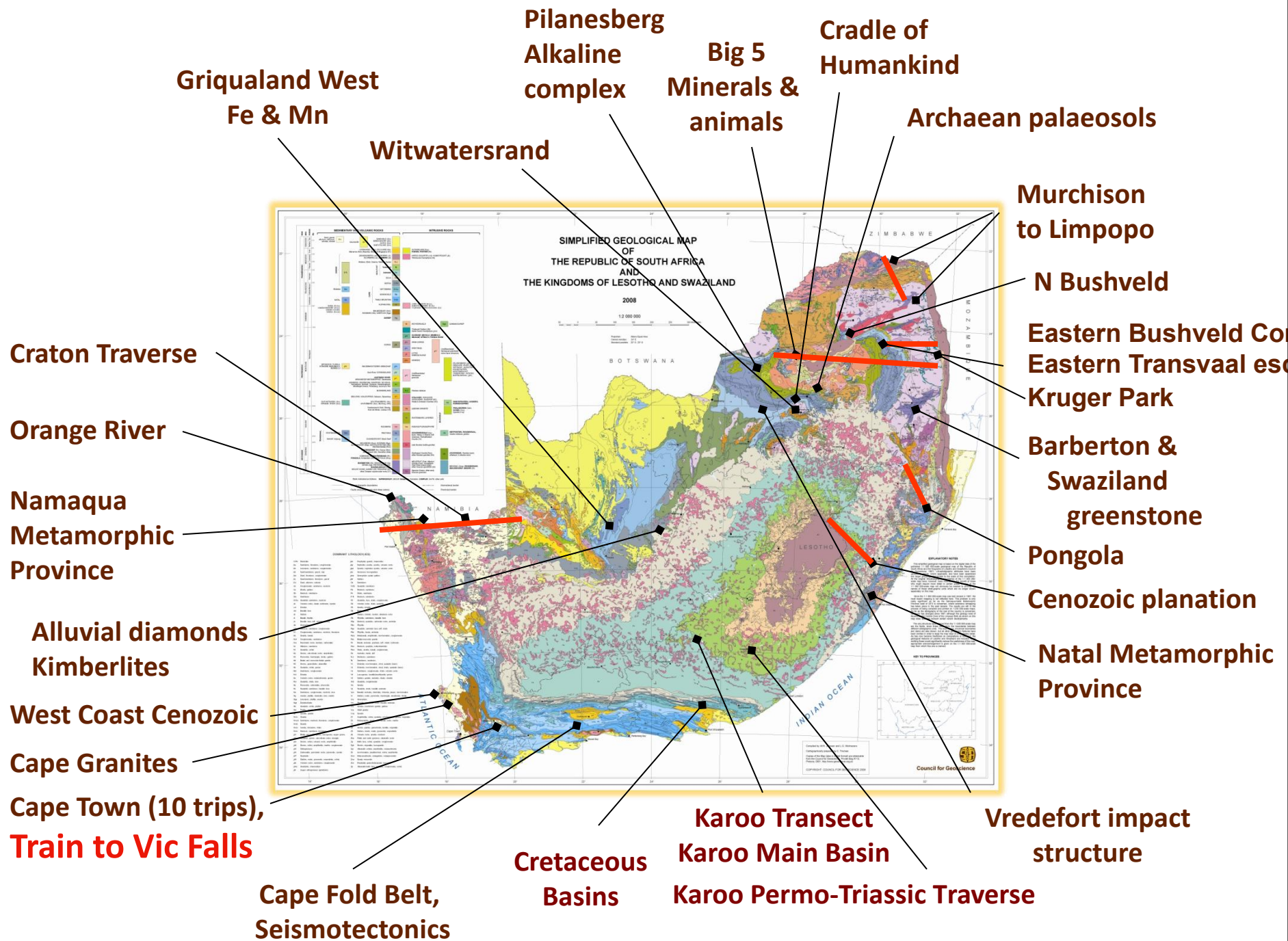
**TOTAL THEMES - 49**



# Field trips

1929 IGC Field Trip in South Africa







**Mali; gold mines**

**Ghana; gold**

**Botswana; Diamonds  
Okavango Delta**

**Angola; plateau to  
desert**

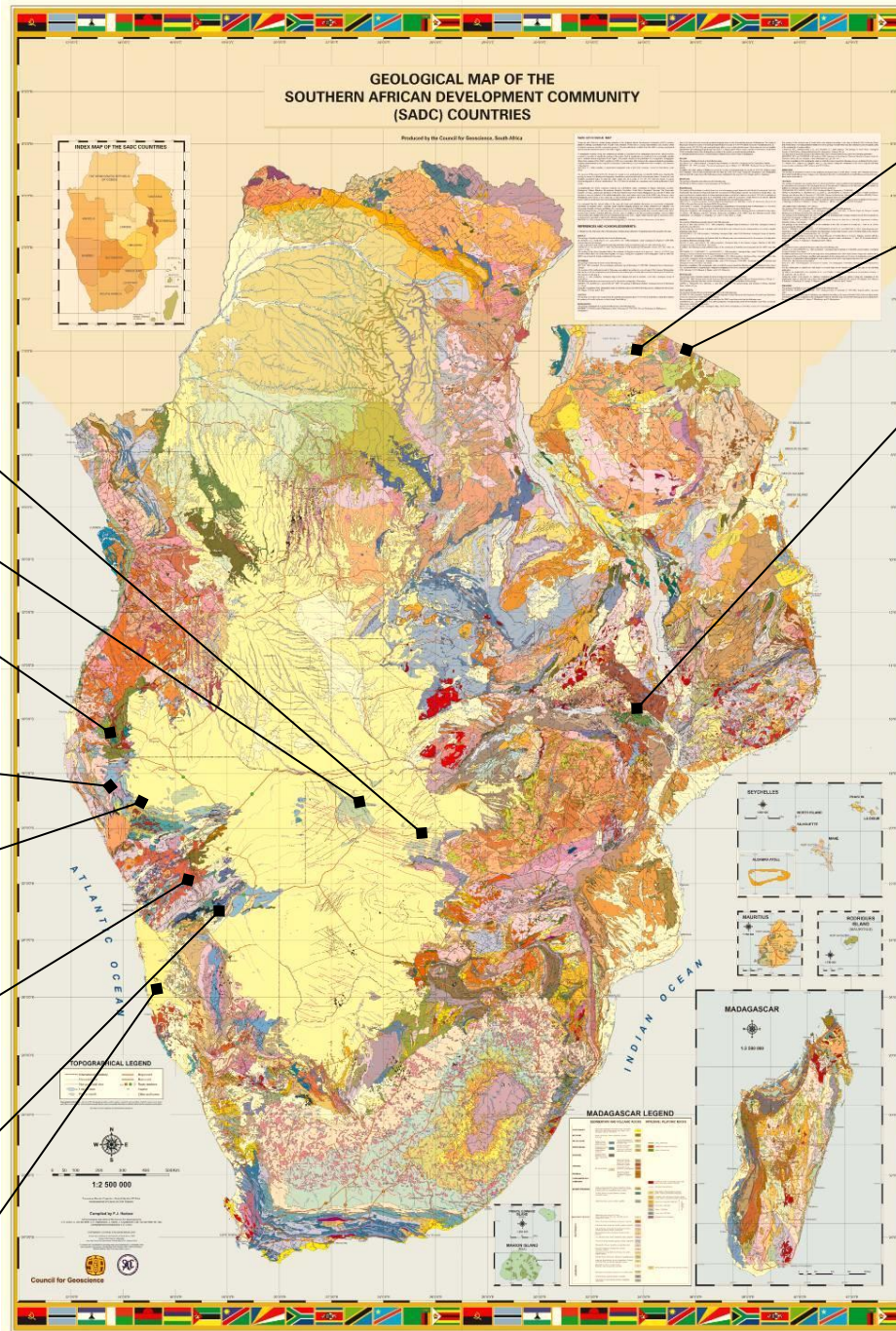
**Namibia; Otavi karst**

**Namibia; Nama-  
Ediacaran**

**Namibia; Damara  
Traverse**

**Namibia; minerals**

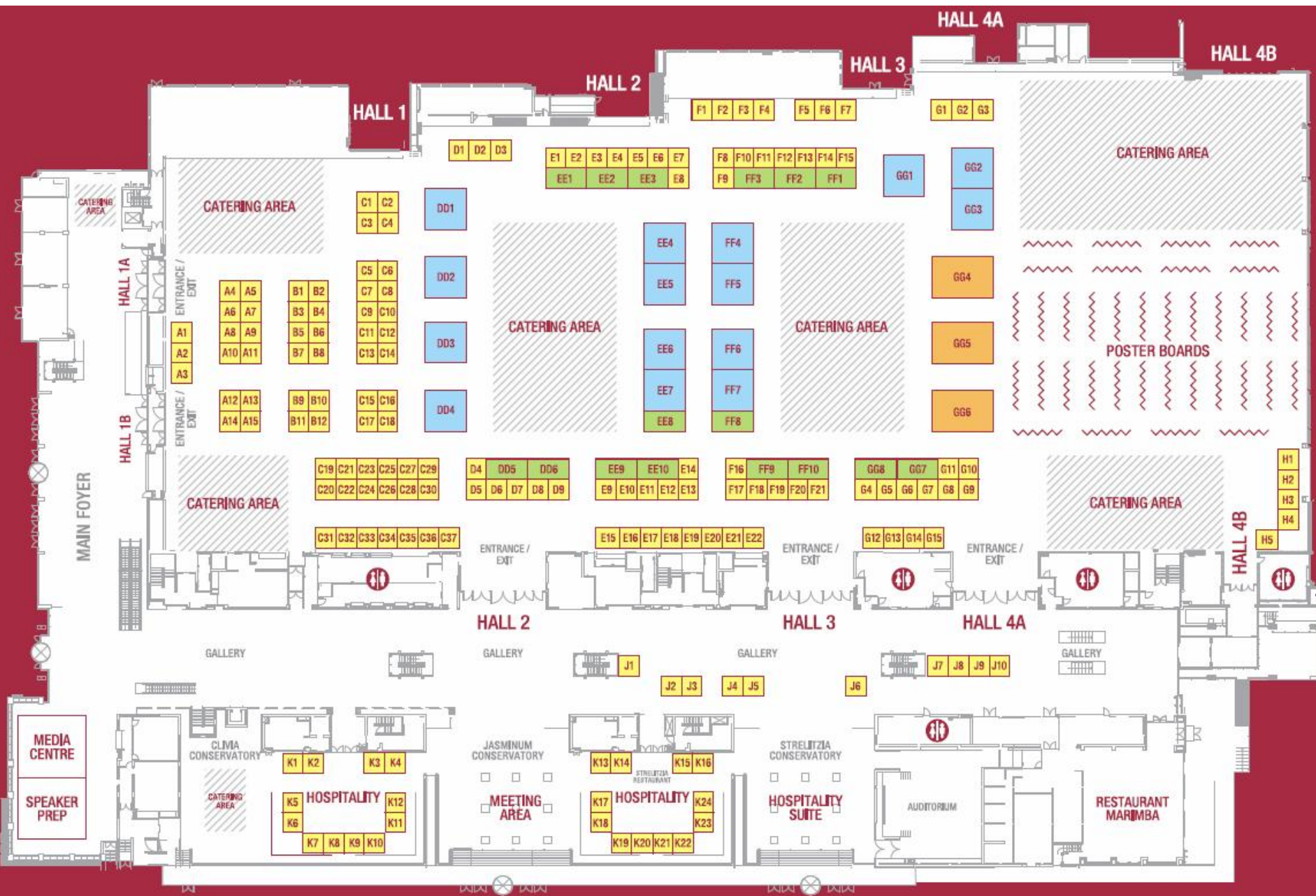
**Namibia; diamonds**



**Tanzania  
Lake Victoria Gold**

**Rift Valley;  
Palaeontology;  
Gold, nickel,  
tanzanite**

Exhibition; 280 stands. About 25% already sold.





## GEOSCIENCE FOR SOCIETY

	Theme Champion/s	Affiliations
<b>Geoheritage and Conservation</b>	Genevieve Pearson Patrick McKeever Morris Viljoen	Phoenix Geoconsulting UNESCO University of the Witwatersrand
<b>Geoscience Education and Public Communication</b>	Carlo Laj Gillian Drennan Paul Denton	European Geosciences Union University of the Witwatersrand British Geological Survey
<b>Climate Change Studies</b>	Gideon Henderson Sidney Hemming	University of Oxford Columbia University
<b>Groundwater and Hydrogeology</b>	Tamiru Abiye Shafik Adams	University of the Witwatersrand Water Research Commission
<b>Soil Science</b>	Michael Young David Manning Elmarie Kotze	University of Texas University of Newcastle University of the Free State
<b>Geoscience Data and Information Systems</b>	Kristine Asch Anna Nguno Jorgen Tulstrup Francois Robida	Bundesanstalt für Geowissenschaften und Rohstoffe Geological Survey of Namibia GEUS, Denmark BRGM, France
<b>Public Sector Geoscience and Geological Surveys</b>	Gabi Schnieder	Geological Survey of Namibia
<b>Geohazards</b>	Andrzej Kijko Paulo Canuti	University of Pretoria University of Firenze

## **Proximal and Remote Sensing Technologies**

Tsehaie Woldai  
Luke Bateson

University of the Witwatersrand  
British Geological Survey

## **History of the Geosciences**

Barry Cooper  
Sharad Master

University of South Australia  
University of the Witwatersrand

## **Medical and Forensic Geology**

Hassina Mouri

University of Johannesburg

## **Global Geoscience Professionalism and Geoethics**

Ruth Allington  
Oliver Bonham  
Andy Clay

GWP Consultants  
Geoscientists Canada  
Venmyn Deloitte

## **Geoscience benefitting low income countries**

Shrikant Limaye

Ground Water Institute, Pune

## **Environmental Geosciences**

Felix Toteu  
Kevin Leahy  
Vojtech Ettler

UNESCO

## FUNDAMENTAL GEOSCIENCE

	Theme Champion/s	Affiliation
<b>Sedimentary Processes - ancient to modern</b>	Ken Eriksson	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
<b>Basin Formation and Continental Margins</b>	Nick Christie-Blick	Columbia University
	Tony Watts	University of Oxford
<b>A Dynamic Earth</b>	Cin-Ty Lee	Rice University
	Lew Ashwal	University of the Witwatersrand
	John Dewey	University of Oxford
	Umberto Cordani	University of Sao Paulo
<b>The Deep Earth</b>	?	
<b>The Hadean and Archaean Earth</b>	Axel Hoffman	University of Johannesburg
	Christophe Heubeck	University of Jena
	Alfred Kroener	University of Mainz
<b>The Proterozoic Earth</b>	Nick Beukes	University of Johannesburg
	Paul Hoffman	Harvard University
<b>Geochronology</b>	Richard Armstrong	University of



**Isotope Geoscience**

Adrian Boyce

University of Glasgow/SUERC

**Planetary Sciences and Meteorite Impacts**

**Magmatism - Settings, Compositions and Processes**

John Clemens

Stellenbosch University

**Mineralogy**

?

**Metamorphic Processes**

Mike Brown

University of Maryland

Dave Waters

University of Oxford

**Evolution of the Biosphere**

?

**Marine Geosciences and Oceanography**

Heather Bouman

University of Oxford

Zvi Ben-Avraham

Tel Aviv University

**Arctic and Antarctic Geoscience**

Geoff Grantham

Council for Geosciences

Marc St Onge

Canadian Geological Survey

Sergey Shokalsky

VSEGEI

**Biogeoscience**

**Surficial Processes and Landscape Evolution**

Jasper Knight	University of the Witwatersrand
Yannick Lageat	University of Western Brittany
Dianne Seward	Victoria University

**Volcanology**

David Pyle	Universith of Oxford
Gezahegn Yirgu	Addis Ababa University
Cynthia Ebinger	Universith of Rochester

**Rock Deformation and Structural Geology**

**Palaeontology and Palaeo-anthropology**

Ryan Tucker	Stellenbosch University
Francis Thackeray	University of the Witwatersrand

**Instrumental, experimental and laboratory-based developments in the Geosciences**

## **GEOSCIENCE IN THE ECONOMY**

	<b>Theme Champion/s</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
<b>Mineral Resources and Evaluation</b>	Richard Minnitt Matt Mullins Isobel Clark	University of the Witwatersrand BHP Billiton Geostokos Ltd.
<b>Mineral Exploration</b>	Richard Herrington Dave Broughton	Natural History Museum Ivanhoe Mines
<b>Mineral Deposits and Ore Forming Processes</b>	Jamie Wilkinson Yasushi Watanabe Nick Arndt Michael Meyer	Imperial College AIST, Japan University of Grenoble RWTH-Aachen
<b>Gold Mineralizing Systems (sponsored by SEG)</b>		
<b>Coal</b>	John Hancox Rosemary Falcon	CCIC University of the Witwatersrand
<b>Petroleum Systems and Exploration</b>	Mike Daly Noel Tyler  Sospeter Muhongo K B Trivedi	University of Oxford ARC Group  Ministry of Energy and Minerals, Tanzania PetroSA
<b>Unconventional Hydrocarbons and Emerging Fuels</b>	Annette Goetz	University of Pretoria
<b>Energy in a Carbon Constrained World</b>	Sallie Greenberg	Illinois State Geological Survey



## **Geostandards and Reference Materials**

Mike McWha

AMIS Ltd.

Barry Smee

Smee & Associates Consulting

## **Applied Mineralogy and Geometallurgy**

Fanus Viljoen

University of Johannesburg

## **Mining Geology**

Kim Ncube-Hein

University of the Witwatersrand

## **Engineering Geology and Geomechanics**

Francisco de Jorge

ENGEO, Brazil

## **The Urban Mine**

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## **Critical Metals - a global perspective**

?

### **Workshops**

#### **Dr Grant Bybee**

School of Geosciences, University of the Witwatersrand

### **IUGS Liason and Plenary Programme**

#### **Professor Hassina Mouri**

Associate Professor, Department of Geology, University of Johannesburg

### **YES (Young Earth Scientists Network) representatives**

#### **Dr. Tanvi Arora**

Secretary General, YES Network and Scientist, National Geophysical Research Institute, Hyderabad, India

#### **Mr. Wang Meng**

President, YES Network and Advanced Geologist, China Minmetals Corporation, China

